

# **US Associated Pacific Islands Hepatitis B Programs**

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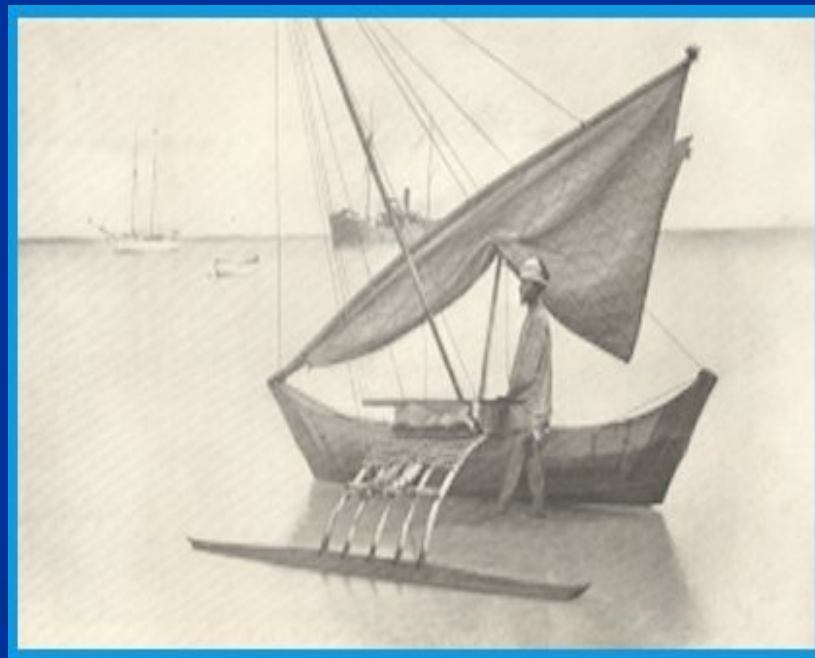
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Who are we?

- We are Pacificans
- We are Polynesians and Micronesians
- We are Islanders











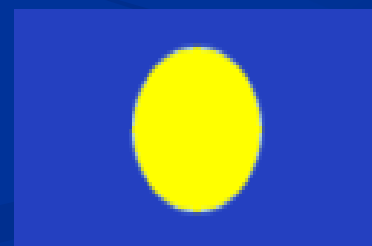
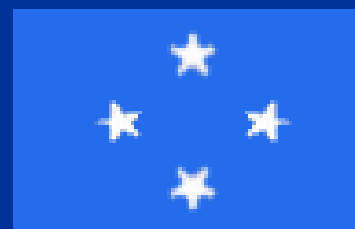
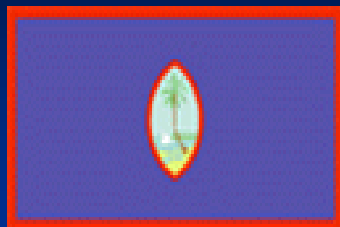








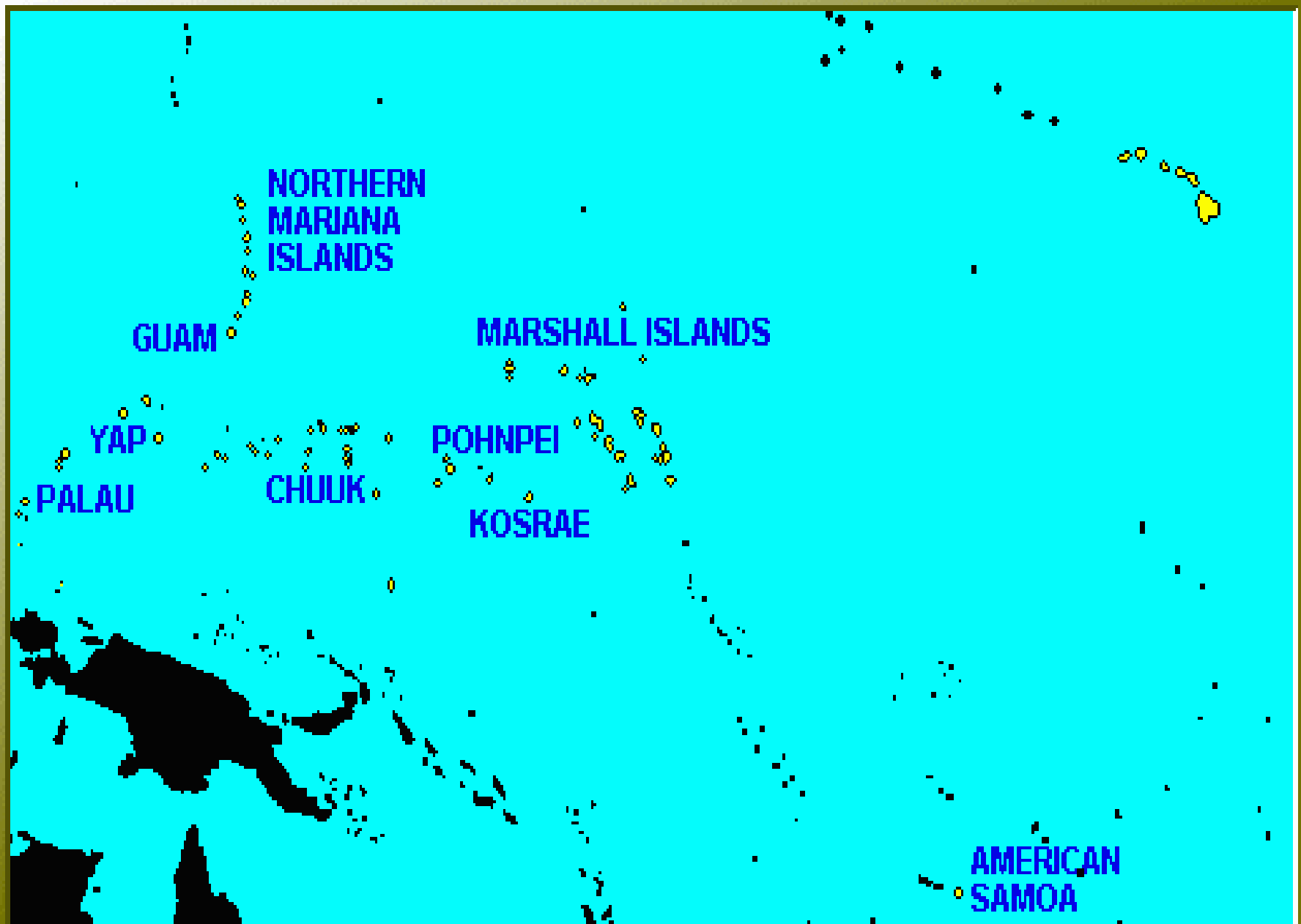




- We are 6 Jurisdictions/ Territories/ Nations/ Commonwealths
- We are American Samoa
- We are the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)
- We are the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)
  - Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap
- We are Guam
- We are the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
- We are the Republic of Palau

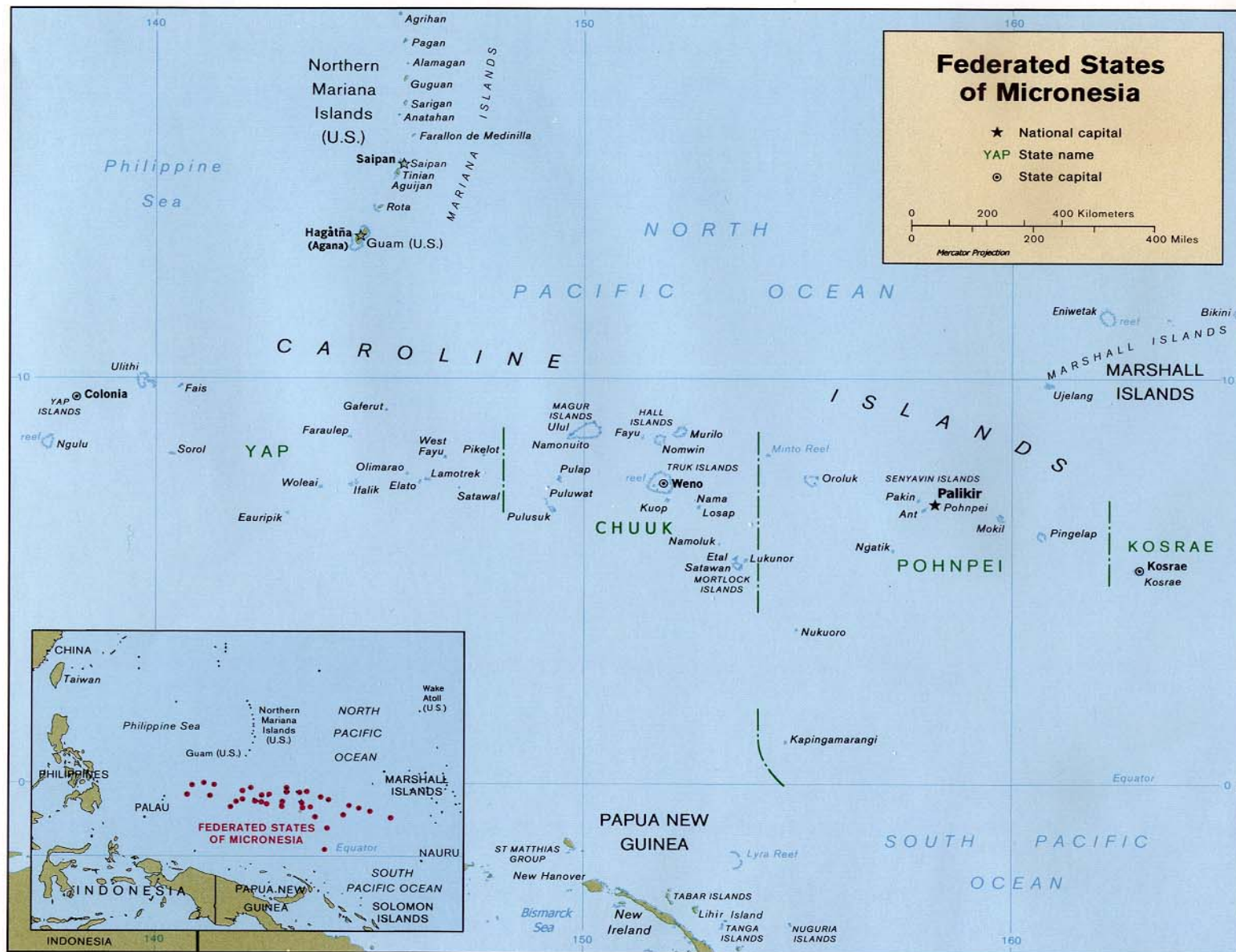


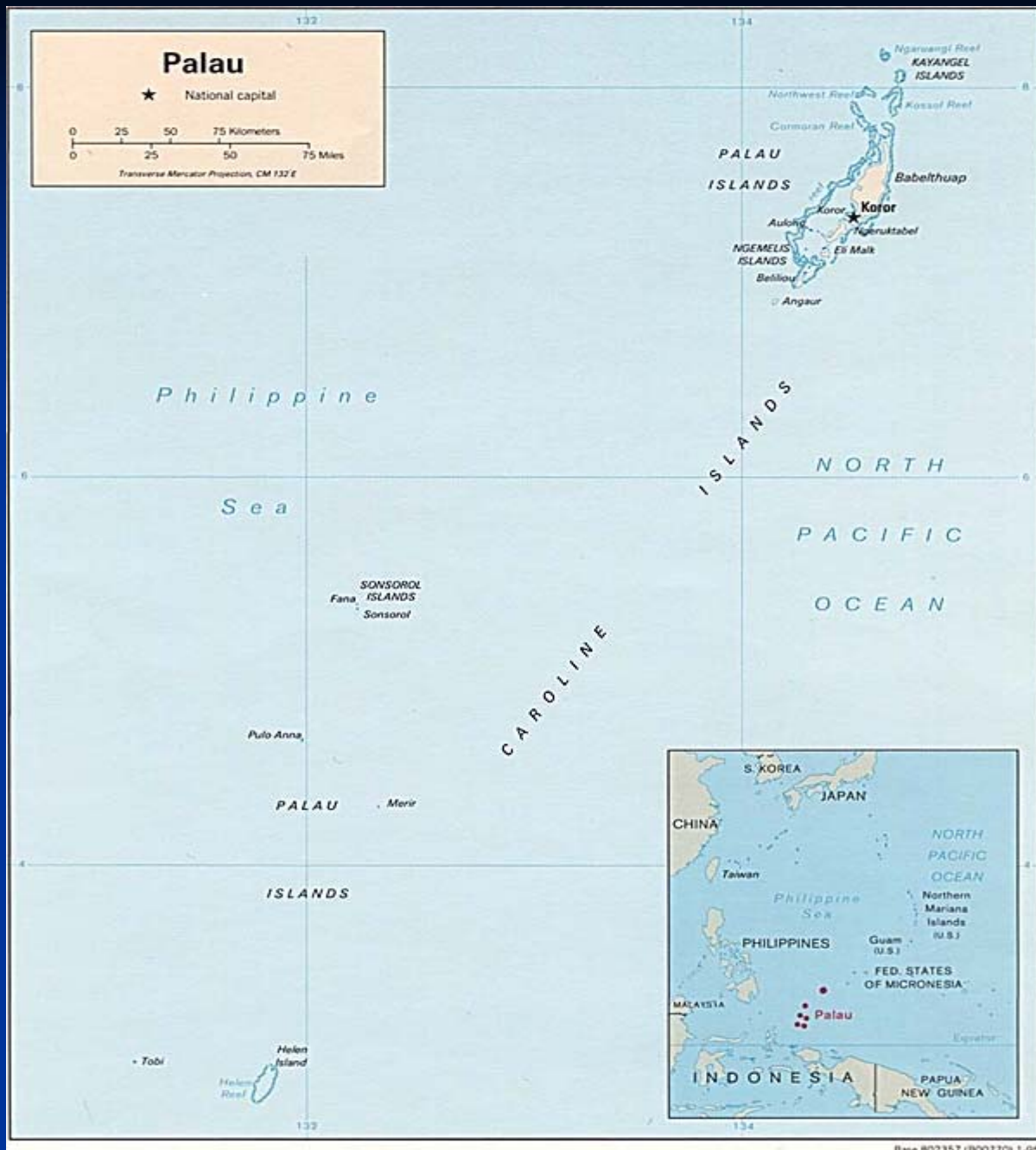
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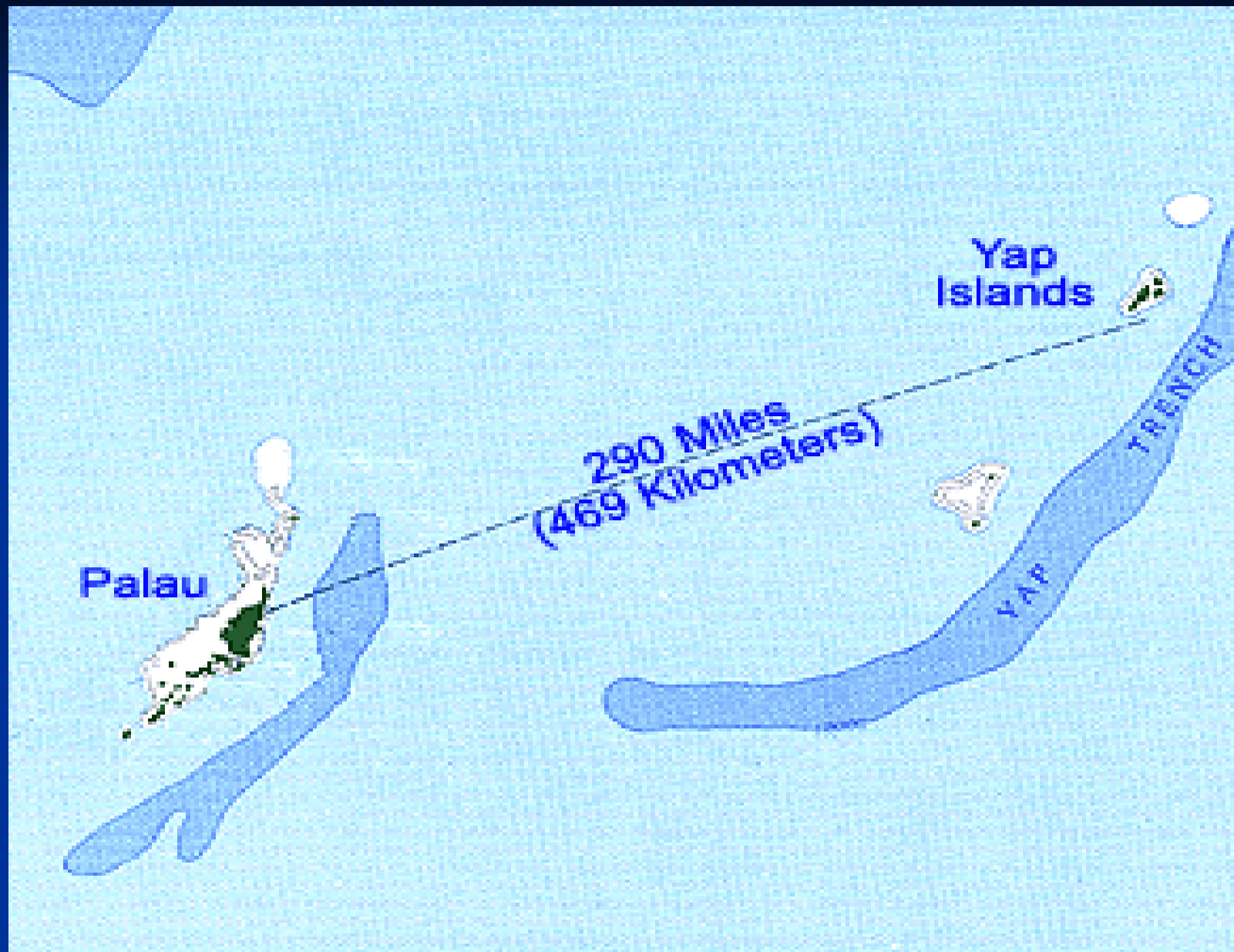
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WHAT DO  
WE DO?

- We run Hepatitis B Programmatic functions in our immunization programs
- We immunize children at birth for almost all jurisdictions in the US Affiliated Pacific Islands
- We test pregnant women who come in for prenatal care and determine their Hepatitis B status
- We provide vaccine and HBIG to children born to Hepatitis B positive women
- We immunize pregnant women who have tested negative for Hepatitis B with the vaccine

## CHALLENGES:

- Many distant islands to provide services
- Availability of boats and gas
- Availability of planes and gas
- Vaccine availability
- Weeks to months of traveling time to provide services
- Weather conditions (rough seas, typhoons, rain)
- Transient populations within the islands
- No refrigeration in remote islands
- Not all programs have a Hepatitis B Coordinator
- Availability of test kits to identify positive women
- No MONEY



## SUCCESES:

- Some of our islands have been immunizing adults (prenatal clients and contacts to positive prenatal clients), with three doses of Hep. B who have tested negative for the virus for the past 10 years
- Staff continue to do the job with the limited resources
- The incidence of Hepatitis B in the islands have reduced
- Continued to provide the birth dose even when Thimerosol was an issue
- We are able to get high coverage rates for Hepatitis B vaccination series

We do what we do for our  
children, our future!!!



Thank You

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Kulo Mulalap

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Kalangan

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